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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of February 14, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set, but in which Applicant is responding by the two-month date of April 14, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained remarks.

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this Response.**